



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 11/4 Daylight Savings ends... "fall back"
- 11/7 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
SITE Meeting 5pm, PTG Meeting @ 5:30pm
- 11/10 Fall Frolic Fundraiser**
- 11/12 Veteran's Day Holiday – no school
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Breakfast
- 11/21 – 23 Thanksgiving Holiday – no school
- 11/28 Teacher Work Day – no school
- 12/5 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 12/19 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 12/20 Winter Program
- 12/24-1/7 Winter Break
- 1/9 Ski day – tentative
- 1/16 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Day – no school
- 1/23 Ski day – tentative
- 1/30 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 2/6 Ski day – tentative
- 2/13 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 12/15 Lincoln's B'day – no school

THANK YOU

- **Parents** who joined us to keep the "ghouls" in check on the Halloween Parade.
- **DNC** for the generous donation of dinner & facility for our Fall Frolic Fundraiser.
- **Joy Small** who is joining SITE council.
- **Students** who are working together to remember to return all play equipment to the hallway.
- **Students** - you all did such a great job on today's emergency fire drill!
- **Tony** who has begun the battle of the leaves here at YVS.

JOIN THE PTG – NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7TH @ 5:30PM

For years the PTG has been a wonderful support system for Yosemite Valley School. This organization continues to help unite our community with fundraisers that enable YVS to have classroom aides, field trips and much-needed supplies. The challenges facing YVS are now greater than ever - and so are the opportunities to make a difference for our local students. If you have not already done so, please consider joining the PTG and being a part of the discussions about the future of our school!

FALL FROLIC FUNDRAISER NEXT WEEKEND!

If you have never been to a YVS Fall Frolic you are in for a TREAT! The name says it all, this is going to be a fantastic and fun event! To start with there is a very, very, very yummy fried chicken dinner waiting for you, complete with all the fixin's and of course we have a veggie option.

We have many wonderful items ranging from art to gift certificates for the Auction (and don't forget all the fun that comes from out bidding your neighbor) so chances are you will walk away with some great merchandise while supporting your child's education – what a deal!

The Frolic committee has been working diligently since the beginning of the school year to request and collect some wonderful items for the auction including donations from:

- DNC
 - Dinners
 - Hotel stays
 - Ski passes
 - And more!
- BR Cohn Winery
- Elite Island Resorts – Caribbean
- Build-A-Bear & American Girl
- Pier 39 & Great America
- San Francisco 49ers
- And many, many more!

Dinner begins at 5:30pm and we have sold out in the past so don't be too late! There will also be beer and wine available for purchase.

Sign-up and pre-sales sheets were emailed home yesterday, please respond asap. Pre-sales sheets, must be returned by Thursday if you are interested in avoiding the line at the door.

And finally, **JUST COME**, bring your neighbors and co-workers and have a great time while supporting the kids!

Thanks

SITE COUNCIL FORMING – NEED AT LEAST ONE MORE MEMBER

The SITE Council at YVS is an important group as it reviews and revises our School Plan. Our School Plan covers topics like academic achievement goals, school climate and all the extra programs that are in place for students. State and Federal money for various programs is

budgeted by the SITE Council. Even though our school receives a small amount of these monies we still needs goals in place in order to budget our allotments. The council consists of three staff members and three parents. If you are interested and would like to serve please call the school and let us know. If more than three parents want to serve we will have elections. *All parents are invited to attend meetings (3-5/year) even if they are not official SITE Council members.* Our first meeting will be on Wednesday before the PTG meeting @ 5pm.

WINTER RECESS Outdoor recess is very important to the mental health of students and staff alike... everyone needs a little break... so we have a sun or snow policy.

- If it is actively raining, we stay indoors – there is just no way to stay dry in that.
- If it is actively snowing, students *may* be given a choice as to whether they want to play indoors or outdoors (dependent on staffing), depending on the intensity of the weather – see dress code below.
- Clear days, even if there is 2inches or 2feet of snow on the ground if it is not actively snowing, students will go outside for recess.

Students should always come to school prepared for outdoor recess because nature has a way of having little windows of clear weather in most storms enabling us to take advantage of some fresh air – outdoor – play.

AND THEN THERE IS... DRESSING

FOR THE WEATHER Already we are reminding students to wear some kind of outer-gear for recess...it is cold! But wetter weather brings a whole set of guidelines to the "table". Please keep in mind this is to help keep your children and our school environment warm and dry so we are not distracted from the business of learning when recess time is over.

- To play in the snow – no matter how much is on the ground... students must have water repellent snow gear that can be removed for classroom time (pants or bibs, jacket with hood and/or hat), water resistant gloves – no knitted mittens in the snow, water resistant snow boots. Basically students must be covered head to toe in snow gear.
- We do have a small collection of gloves here at school so sometimes we can help with that... we really do try to make sure everyone gets a chance to play out in the snow.
- If it is a clear day and students don't have all appropriate snow gear they are unfortunately limited to standing in our covered porch area near the front door (*the porch of tears*)... it can be very sad and boring and breaks our hearts to see so let's try to all work together to get the kids geared up for winter play.

SLIPPERS AT SCHOOL Yes, indeed, we do allow slippers at school but families should keep a few basic things in mind:

- Only for snowy weather – the basic reason for allowing this "gentle massage" to dress code is to keep snowy boots from dropping puddles in the classroom.

- Slippers must have an actual rubber sole and just like all school shoes cover toes and have at the very least an actual back strap.
- Students need to be able to perform recess activities – so regular shoes can be sent instead or should be left at school so students can change into them for recess activities.

We are aware of all the fun slipper choices that are out there and unfortunately they don't all follow the school requirements...we ask that you do your best and of course you could very easily just send an extra pair of shoes instead.

PARENTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND

The hip-hop standard of the 1980s said it best: "There's no need to argue, parents just don't understand!" Bryan Starchman's newest published play features a collection of hilarious (and often too close to the truth) scenes that all families are going to be able to relate to. This is a lighthearted look at a "greatest hit list" of classic family moments. Remember when Dad tried to teach you to drive? Or Mom decided that she would help pick out your wardrobe? This comedy has already been produced in 20 states and will have its California premiere back here at home in Mariposa. Three shows only! Friday November 16th and Saturday November 17th at 7 p.m. and Sunday November 18th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for students with ASB, senior citizens, and children 12 and under. You can purchase tickets at www.ticketriver.com Search: MCHS or they can be bought at the door. This show is Rated PG.